

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 30-32 are canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Therefore, claims 1, 3-10 and 13-29 are pending in this application. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration because the Amendment merely cancels the rejected claims; and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the August 4 Advisory Action and the August 10 telephone interview. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

During the August 10 telephone interview, Applicants requested further clarification of the Examiner's position. Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's interpretation of Spies, claims 30-32 are canceled to expedite prosecution.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance as only allowed claims 1, 3-10 and 13-29 remain pending. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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